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THE  
Great Earthquake  
At Quito in Peru  
Which destroyed a great Number of the  
SPAINIARDS  
IN THE  
WEST INDIES.

UPON the Twenty day of *June Anno Domini*  
One Thousand Six Hundreth Ninty Eight,  
There happened a most dreadful Earth-  
quake near *Quito*, two Mountains opening, from  
whence issued a prodigious quantity of Water and  
black Mud, and overflow'd the Countrey. The  
River *Ambato* and some others, swell'd to such  
a Degree, that they ruin'd a great Number of  
Gradens, Houses and Mills, and drowned much  
People and Cattel. ~~The Earthquake was princi-~~  
pally felt from *Rio Bambo* to *Chimbo*, and from *Qui-*  
*to* to *Mignel*, where it did great mischief: The  
Town of *Ambato* is utterly ruined, and most of the  
Inhabitants drowned in their Beds: The Town  
of *Patate* 4 Leagues distant was overflowed, but  
all the People execept 200 escaped, the Mud ha-  
ving stoped the Water, afforded them time to re-  
tire to a Neighbouring Mountain. *Tacunga* is ut-  
terly destroyed, with most of the Inhabitants; &  
most of the Churches and Houses of *Rio Bambo*  
are overturned, but all the People, except 40 e-  
scaped. Letters also from *Popajan* of the 10th.  
of *September* last give account, that they had heard  
terrible Roarings under Ground, which puts them  
into a General Consternation, and one of the *Vol-*  
*cano's* of *Pasto* is broke out into dreadful Smoak  
and Flames, with extraordinary Noise: